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1. SUMMARY: CHILE NO LONGER CONSIDERS ITSELF A MEMBER OF NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT, SO THAT VARIOUS RECENT DEPARTMENTAL INSTRUCTIONS SELDOM REQUIRE SPECIFIC ACTION IN SANTIAGO. GOC REMAINS GENERALLY COOPERATIVE ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES OF GREATEST INTEREST TO USG, AND REGULAR CONSULTATIONS NORMALLY SUFFICE TO PROTECT THOSE INTERESTS. GOC IS NOT LIKELY TO GET OUT IN FRONT FOR US IN GROUP OF 77 OR WITH ITS NON-ALIGNED FRIENDS. END SUMMARY.

2. AS EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THE SITUATION, CHILE HAS NOT FORMALLY RENOUNCED MEMBERSHIP IN THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM), BUT IT DOES NOT CONSIDER ITSELF A FUNCTIONING MEMBER AND DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN NAME MEETINGS. EMBASSY THEREFORE HAS FOLLOWED VARIOUS NAM INSTRUCTIONS AS GIVEN TO "OTHER POSTS" AND IS HANDLING SUBJECTS OF PARTICULAR US INTEREST AS APPROPRIATE IN REGULAR GENERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH GOC OFFICIALS.

3. EMBOFF APRIL 13 DISCUSSED CHILE'S POSITION ON NAME WITH SENIOR FONMINISTRY OFFICIAL IMMEDIATELY RESPONSIBLE, DIRECTOR
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SPECIAL AFFAIRS JORGE BERGUNO. LATTER SAID THAT UNTIL LAST

NAM MEETING IN LIMA, MINISTRY HAD HELD OPEN POSSIBILITY OF SOME GOC PARTICIPATION IN NAM. THE LIMA MEETING SHOWED THE MINISTRY THAT PARTICIPATION OF ANY SORT WOULD BE CONTRARY TO CHILE'S INTERESTS. GOC WILL THEREFORE NOT ATTEND THE AUGUST NAM SUMMIT IN SRI LANKA. BERGUNO SAID THAT NAM LEADERSHIP IS TOO WILD FOR THE GOC'S TASTE, AND THE GOC DOES NOT THINK IT USEFUL TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH NAM OUTLOOK. (EMBASSY ADDS POINT THAT CHILEANS KNOW THE NAM ENVIRONMENT IS HOSTILE TO THEM AND HAVE ENOUGH CAT FIGHTS AS IT IS WITHOUT LOOKING FOR THEM IN NAM CONTEXT.) ON THE OTHER HAND, GOC DOES NOT WANT TO OPPOSE NAME LEADERS ACTIVELY NOR TO GO OUT OF ITS WAY TO ALIENATE THEM BY FORMALLY LEAVING NAM.

4. GOC IS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE GROUP OF 77, WHICH IT SEES AS A MORE BALANCED AND USEFUL ORGANIZATION, MEMBERSHIP IN WHICH CAN BE USED TO FURTHER CHILEAN INTERESTS. CHILE HAS NO DESIRE TO CUT ITSELF OFF FROM THE LDCS AND FINDS G-77 MEMBERSHIP WORTHWHILE TO THAT END.

5. EMBASSY NOTES THAT IN MULTILATERAL SUBJECTS CURRENTLY OF GREATEST INTEREST TO USG--PUERTO RICO, KOREA, AND ISRAEL AND MIDDLE EAST--CHILEAN INCLINATIONS DO NOT VARY FROM OURS SIGNIFICANTLY. GOC STOOD BY US STOUTLY IN MOST RECENT DISCUSSIONS IN COMMITTEE OF 24 ON PUERTO RICO; WE SEE NO INDICATION OF CHANGE HERE (BUT SEE SANTIAGO 1696). AS VISCERAL OPPONENT OF COMMUNISM, AND WITH CLOSE RELATIONS TO SOUTH KOREA, GOC IS WITH US ON KOREAN PROBLEM. GOC POSITION HAS SHIFTED SOMEWHAT TOWARD ARAB SIDE IN PAST YEAR, AS GOC SEEKS POLITICAL SUPPORT AND CREDITS, BUT GOC IS NOT LIKELY TO GO OFF THE DEEP END. LAST YEAR'S ZIONISM/RACISM EXPERIENCE WAS TRAUMATIC FOR GOC, WHICH WILL BE MORE CAREFUL IN THE FUTURE.

6. WE BELIEVE GOC TAKES US POSITIONS FULLY INTO ACCOUNT AS IT CONSIDERS SUCH ISSUES. ITS NORMAL INCLINATION IS TO HEED INDICATIONS OF US INTEREST. THERE MAY BE A TENDENCY FOR GOC SUPPORT TO SLIP AS THE US-CHILEAN RELATIONSHIP BECOMES MORE DIFFICULT, AND WE CANNOT COUNT ON GOC TO GET OUT IN FRONT FOR US (IN G-77 FOR EXAMPLE, OR WITH ITS NON-ALIGNED FRIENDS) ON ISSUES OF GREATER INTEREST TO THE US THAN TO IT. WE BELIEVE, CONFIDENTIAL

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HOWEVER, THAT REGULAR CONSULTATIONS NORMALLY SUFFICE TO PROTECT US INTERESTS.

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